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SUBJECT:DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2

FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FROM KEMPTON JENKINS

1.

THE ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT WAS FINALLY SIGNED TODAY AT NOON, AFTER MACOVESCU NOTED OUR EXPECTATIONS ON JEWISH EMIGRATION.

2. THE SECRETARY HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF DECISIONS BASED ON OUR BRIEFING MEMO ON CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS FOR THE REST OF APRIL. THESE INCLUDE APPROVING: HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE SLACK ON APRIL 17; HAYS ON APRIL 15; MORGAN'S 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY APRIL 30; COCKTAILS WITH DERWINSKI'S CONSERVATIVE HOUSE GROUP IN MID-APRIL. HE DEMURRED TO ACCEPT THE WEDNESDAY MORNING HOUSE BRIEFING APRIL 9, BUT WOULD DO IT AFTER HIS LATIN AMERICAN TRIP. AMONG RETURNING CONGRESSIONAL TRAVELERS, HE HAS ASKED: TO BREAKFAST WITH ALBERT AND RHODES APRIL 8 OR 9; HAVE MCGOVERN FOR COCKTAILS APRIL 11; HAVE HUMPHREY AND JAVITS FOR DRINKS ON APRIL 9.

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3. MY PLANS TO LEAVE FOR FLORIDA HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY, APRIL 11, IN CASE YOU HAD ANY CONCERN ABOUT STOP-

OVERS EN ROUTE HOME WHICH MIGHT HAVE CONFLICTED WITH MY PRIOR PLANS TO BE ABSENT EARLIER NEXT WEEK.

4. FOLLOWING ITEMS SUBMITTED AS EVENING REPORT:

A. INDOCHINA EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. THE MOST STRIKING VIEW WE PICKED UP TODAY CAME FROM NEW LIBERAL DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVE FISHER WHO REPORTED THAT HIS MAIL IS RUNNING STRONGLY AGAINST CONGRESS FOR HAVING FAILED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE ARVN. SENATORS CANNON AND CURTIS ALSO MENTIONED THIS DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, MOST REACTIONS, COMING PRINCIPALLY FROM STAFF SOURCES, INDICATE OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION TO ANY ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

WE CONTINUE TO FIND INDICATIONS THAT ARVN MILITARY REVERSALS HAVE STRENGTHENED OPPOSITION TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE REQUEST. EVEN SENATOR HARRY BYRD, FORMERLY A STAUNCH SUPPORTER, IS NOW USING A FORM LETTER TO REPLY TO INQUIRIES REGARDING VIET NAM, WHICH STATES THAT "ADDITIONAL MILITARY SUPPORT FOR EITHER CAMBODIA OR SOUTH VIET NAM PROBABLY WOULD FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WE ARE NOW OPPOSING" AND EXPRESSING "CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN FUNDS, EXCEPT FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES, WOULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF EVENTS".

SENATORS CASE AND CURTIS STAND OUT AS AMONG THE FEW WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED WHO WOULD STAND BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT AT LEAST SOME MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

B. ARMS AID TO TURKEY. HFAC STAFF, TOGETHER WITH STAFFERS FOR SENATOR EAGLETON AND CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAs, WERE BRIEFED AT THEIR REQUEST ON NATO ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF US ARMS AID TO TURKEY. WE ASSURED THEM THAT THE USG IS FULLY COMPLYING WITH THE EM-
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BARGO, AND THE US HAS NOT URGED NATO ALLIES TO FILL THE GAP CREATED BY THE EMBARGO. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE NOTED THAT THE US DID NOT OPPOSE ACTION TAKEN BY NATO ALLIES TO HELP THE TURKS. THE STAFFERS AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO OBLIGATION FOR US TO PRESS NATO ALLIES TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE. KISSINGER

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